



NEW LIFE

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"For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9)

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LORD'S DAY 23 JULY 2017

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 29:1-4

Psalm 31:1-3

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 40 – *"God the Omnipotent"*

RHC 116 – *"Higher Ground"*

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Christology Creed

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Responsive Reading

Psalm 73

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 73 verses 24-28
(to the tune of St Peter, RHC 456)

*Announcements &
Memory Verse*

John Poh

John Poh

*Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology **

RHC 425 – *"Take the World, but
Give Me Jesus"*

Scriptural Text

1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Jeremiah 27

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

The Christian and The Courts?

Which Yoke Fits Better?

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 451 – *"Ready"*

RHC 379 – *"O for a Faith That
Will Not Shrink"*

*Benediction/3-Fold
Amen **

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Postlude

The Lord Bless You

* Congregation Stands

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His holy temple,
The Lord is in His holy temple:
Let all the earth keep silence,
Let all the earth keep silence before Him -
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, Amen.

THE LORD BLESS YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
and give you peace, and give you peace;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." - Proverbs 4:23

BE THANKFUL ALWAYS

Adapted from New Life BP Church Singapore Weekly, Sunday 16th July 2017

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thess 5:18

Paul stated in the above text that we are to give thanks in all circumstances, whether favourable or unfavourable, and he added that *"this is the will of God in Christ Jesus."* Thanksgiving is not a natural virtue but a fruit of the Spirit. We are naturally inclined to welcome the good times and complain about the bad times. Thanksgiving is an admission of dependence upon God. Because God is sovereign, wise and good, we can complete trust Him in all circumstances. In times of adversities, we recognize the hand of God in our life and knows that God is at work in a preactive (not reactive) fashion. This truth is taught in the life of Joseph when his brothers betrayed him and sold him to slavery. God did not respond to Joseph's adversity in life to make the best of a bad situation. Joseph himself was convinced that God knew before He initiated and permitted the adversity exactly how He will use it for his good. His reply to his brothers is illuminating – *"So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt."* And *"But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive."* (Gen 45:8 and 50:20) Indeed, the promise of Rom 8:28 is closely connected with command of 1 Thess 5:18. We are to give thanks in everything and under all circumstances because we know that in all things God is at work for our good. God is sovereign and He is fully in control of all circumstances. Understanding this truth, we should be thankful always.

In the New Testament, there were 10 lepers who came to Christ for healing (Luke 17:11-19) and all of them experienced the healing power of Christ and were made whole. The punch line of that story is that only one came back to say "Thank you Lord." How fast and how prone we are to forget to be thankful when we have received help from someone. Are we aware of His grace and love to us each day and do we even stop to say "Thank you Lord" at all? It is said that our problem is deeper than mere forgetfulness, it is the spirit of ingratitude and complaining. Murmuring and moaning put our focus on lack. Thanksgiving is aware of grace and abundance. Our attitude towards God and the life He has given us, will determine the quality of the "soil" of our life. Having a thankful heart, God can plant seed there that will lead to an abundant harvest of blessing. However, ingratitude and complaining against God lead to anger and anxiety. Someone puts it beautifully *"Gratitude waters the garden of our heart with wonder, joy and faith."* And again *"Gratitude is adoration for the glory of God."*

Thankfulness results in a willingness to surrender to God's will for our lives. "Come what may," I will still trust in my heavenly Father because He is trustworthy. We trust Him to be who He says He is for us – the perfect Father. Let us, therefore, cultivate the spirit of gratitude, which the Holy Spirit has implanted and is growing in us. Let us obey His commandment that *"in everything to give thanks."* Amen!

- Eld Sim Chee Seng

[Ref: Trusting God by Jerry Bridges, 2008, by NavPress, pg 209-212]

The Word Made Flesh

The Ligonier Statement on Christology

We confess the mystery and wonder
of God made flesh
and rejoice in our great salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With the Father and the Holy Spirit,
the Son created all things,
sustains all things,
and makes all things new.
Truly God,
He became truly man,
two natures in one person.

He was born of the Virgin Mary
and lived among us.
Crucified, dead, and buried,
He rose on the third day,
ascended to heaven,
and will come again
in glory and judgment.

For us,
He kept the Law,
atoned for sin,
and satisfied God's wrath.
He took our filthy rags
and gave us
His righteous robe.

He is our Prophet, Priest, and King,
building His church,
interceding for us,
and reigning over all things.

Jesus Christ is Lord;
we praise His holy Name forever.

Amen.

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our worship services begin promptly at **11.00 am** and **4.00 pm**.

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK			WELCOME
Weds 26th July	7pm	Mid-Week Outreach Bible Study Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony The Glory of God - Studies in Ezekiel - <i>"The Visions of the Fall of Egypt"</i> Mr Ian Shaw	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We do hope that you have a blessed time of worship on this day.
Fri 28th July	7pm		
Sat 29th July	4pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<u>TODAY: 23/07/2017</u>
Message	Is Your Sex Life God's Business	Who Really Speaks for God?	Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joel
Text	1 Corinthians 6:9-18	Jeremiah 28	Ushers: Daniel / Jonathan Sunday School: Rachael Lunch: Elizabeth Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott / Jonathan

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	<u>NEXT WEEK: 30/07/2017</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on <i>"Building Firm Foundations"</i>. • Study of the Book of Psalms (3pm): Dr Martin will lead the study using the book <i>"The Flow of the Psalms"</i> by Palmer Robertson. • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and for the continuation of his PhD studies. • Baalah Missionary Report: Judith Collins will be visiting London next week and will be sharing on the work in Baalah next Saturday and Sunday. • Ladies Fellowship: This will be held after lunch next Lord's Day. 	Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Matthew Ushers: Tom / Margaret Sunday School: Rachael Lunch: Jonathan Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: John

Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £1239.70 Attendance - Morning: 32 (A) 6 (C), Evening: 17 (A) 1 (C)	Church Maintenance Fund Total: £3,490.50
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SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 76

Q: Which is the Ninth Commandment?

A: The Ninth Commandment is, THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOUR.

Scriptural Reference:

Exodus 20:16

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<i>"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."</i> 2 Timothy 2:15	<i>"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:"</i> 1 Peter 3:15	<i>"Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."</i> Deuteronomy 31:6